

Pat. Nos. 4,855,172, 5,242,727 and 5,234,987 the subject matter of which is incorporated herein by reference. Another EPDM tape composition is described in co-pending application U.S. Pat. No. 5,504,136, the subject matter of which is also incorporated herein by reference.

In the claims:

Please replace the following claims. A marked-up copy of the claims has been attached hereto.

- A1*
- Sub 1*
1. (Amended) A method for applying walkway pads to roofing membranes, the method comprising:
- affixing a solids tape to one flat surface of a walkway pad, where the tape carries a protective layer of release paper, and where said step of affixing occurs at the location where the pad is manufactured;
- stripping said release paper from said tape immediately prior to use;
- subsequently placing the exposed surface of said tape directly onto the upper surface of the roofing membrane; and,
- applying force directly to said walkway pad to enhance the bond between said pad and the membrane created by said tape.
2. (Amended) The method of claim 1, where said walkway pad comprises asphaltic materials, concrete or rubber-based materials.
3. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said solids tape comprises EPDM rubber, butyl rubber or blends thereof.
4. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said walkway pads comprise rubber-based materials and said solids tape comprises a blend of EPDM and butyl rubbers.

Please cancel claim 5 without prejudice or disclaimer.

- A2 Sub 6*
6. (Amended) The method of claim 1, further including the additional step of

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2 preparing the area of the roofing membrane to which said walkway pad
3 will be applied prior to said step of removing.

1 7. (Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein said step of preparing includes
2 the step of priming the area of the roofing membrane to which said walkway pad
3 will be applied prior to said step of removing.

Please add the following claims.

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1 8. A method for applying a walkway pad to a roofing membrane, said method
2 comprising:
3 providing a walkway pad to a rooftop, where the walkway pad includes
4 a solids tape applied to a substantially planar surface of the walkway pad; and
5 applying the walkway pad to a roofing membrane located on the
6 rooftop.

1 9. The method of claim 8, where said tape is applied proximal to opposed edges
2 of the flat surface of the walkway pad.

1 10. The method of claim 8, where said walkway pad comprises asphaltic
2 materials, concrete or rubber-based materials.

1 11. The method of claim 8, wherein said solids tape comprises EPDM rubber,
2 butyl rubber or blends thereof.

1 12. The method of claim 8, wherein said walkway pads comprise rubber-based
2 materials and said solids tape comprises a blend of EPDM and butyl rubbers.

1 13. The method of claim 8, further including the additional step of
2 preparing the area of the roofing membrane to which said walkway pad
3 will be applied prior to said step of removing.

1 14. The method of claim 8, where the 100% solids tape is applied to a flat surface
2 of the walkway pad at the same location where the walkway pad is manufactured.

1 15. The method of claim 14, where the 100% solids tape is applied to a flat
2 surface of the walkway pad without priming the flat surface of the walkway pad.

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1 16. A method for providing walkway pads to service personnel who will apply the
2 pads to a roofing membrane, said method comprising:
3 preparing a self-adhering walkway pad by affixing a solids tape to a flat
4 surface of a walkway pad, where said solids tape carries a protective layer of
5 release paper;
6 bundling a plurality of self-adhering walkway pads for delivery; and,
7 delivering the plurality of self-adhering walkway pads to service
8 personnel for application of the walkway pads to a roofing membrane.

1 17. The method of claim 16, where said walkway pad comprises asphaltic
2 materials, concrete or rubber-based materials.

1 18. The method of claim 16, wherein said solids tape comprises EPDM rubber,
2 butyl rubber or blends thereof.

1 19. The method of claim 16, wherein said walkway pads comprise rubber-based
2 materials and said solids tape comprises a blend of EPDM and butyl rubbers.

1 20. The method of claim 16, where said tape is affixed proximal to opposed edges
2 of said flat surface of the walkway pad.

1 21. The method of claim 16, where the solids tape is applied to a flat surface of
2 the walkway pad at the same location where the walkway pad is manufacture.

1 22. The method of claim 16, where the solids tape is applied to a flat surface of
2 the walkway pad without priming the flat surface of the walkway pad.

1 23. The method of claim 16, where the tape is a 100% solids tape.

1 24. The method of claim 8, where the tape carries a protective layer of release
2 paper; and further comprising the step of removing the release paper from the tape.

A 3 cont'd
1 25. A method of constructing a roof, said method comprising the steps of:
2 constructing a roof deck;
3 placing a layer of insulation over said roof deck;
4 placing a membrane over said insulation;
5 providing a plurality of walkway pads to the roof, where the walkway
6 pads include a solids tape applied to a substantially planar surface of the
7 walkway pad prior to said step of providing the plurality of walkway pads;
8 and
9 placing the plurality of walkway pads over said membrane.

1 26. A roof comprising:
2 a roof deck;
3 a layer of insulation over said roof deck;
4 a membrane over said insulation; and
5 a plurality of walkway pads adhered to said membrane, where said
6 plurality of walkway pads are adhered to said membrane by providing to the
7 roof a plurality of walkway pads that include a solids tape applied to a
8 substantially planar surface of the walkway pads prior to their delivery to the
9 roof.

1 27. A method of making a walkway pad, said method comprising the steps of:
2 constructing a walkway pad within a factory; and
3 applying a solids tape to a substantially planar surface of the walkway
4 pad while the walkway pad remains within the same factory that the walkway
5 pad was constructed.
